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From the office of Commissioner Andy Tobin Arizona Corporation Commission 1200 W. WASHINGTON PHOENIX, ARIZONA (602) 542-3625

TO:

Docket Control

DATE:

July 22, 2016

FROM:

Commissioner Andy Tobin's Office

SUBJECT:

Docket No. # E-01787A-16-0144 Navopache Electric Cooperative, Inc.

Commissioner Tobin's Office created a new docket # E-00000J-16-0257. The attached documents can be found in the above referenced docket #.

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AZ CORP COMMON DOCKET CONTACT

**FROM: Commissioner Andy Tobin** 

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**DATE: July 22, 2016** 

E-00000J-16-0257

RE: REQUEST FOR A NEW DOCKET - REDUCING SYSTEM PEAK DEMAND COSTS

Dear Chairman Little, Fellow Commissioners, and Interested Parties:

I am appreciative of State Representative Frank Pratt's efforts in hosting an upcoming workshop to encourage continued collaborative dialogue on the topic of reducing system peak demand costs. The workshop, which will be facilitated by Arizona Corporation Commissioner Bob Stump, State Representative Frank Pratt, Residential Utility Consumer Office Director David Tenney and me, is scheduled to take place on Thursday, August 4, 2016 at 9:00 AM in House Hearing Room #1 of the Arizona State Capitol.

Invitations have been extended to speakers who will present on a variety of topics related to the overarching issue of reducing system peak demand costs, as enumerated in the attached workshop agenda. Speaker presentations will be made readily available through publication in this docket at a later date. For those unable to attend in person, this workshop will be live streamed and recorded on both the Arizona Corporation Commission and Legislature's respective media platforms.

In furtherance of this objective, I request that a new generic docket be opened for the purpose of establishing a repository for related information and documents pertaining to this workshop. The generic docket should be captioned: "Inquiry into Reducing System Peak Demand Costs."

Moreover, I would like to cordially extend invitations to my fellow commissioners and interested stakeholders to attend the upcoming workshop discussion.

I look forward to an informative conversation on the topic of reducing system peak demand costs through the open forum of the upcoming workshop.

Sincerely.

Commissioner Andy Tobin

**Enclosure** 

## REDUCING SYSTEM PEAK DEMAND COSTS WORKSHOP

August 4, 2016 9:00 AM House Hearing Room #1 Hosted by Representative Pratt

#### INTRODUCTION AND WORKSHOP FACILITATORS

## WHY ARE WE TALKING ABOUT REDUCING SYSTEM PEAK DEMAND?

Hank Courtright, Senior VP of Global Strategy and External Relations, Electric Power Research Institute
Jim Taylor, Chief Technology Officer, Tucson Electric Power/UNS Energy Services
Richard Sedano, Principal and US Programs Director, Regulatory Assistance Project

#### VARYING APPROACHES TO REDUCING SYSTEM PEAK DEMAND

#### Rate Design

Lon Huber, Director, Strategen Consulting, LLC
Dan Cross-Call, Manager, Rocky Mountain Institute
Sean Gallagher, VP of State Affairs, Solar Energy Industries Association

### Marketing, education, and outreach about energy usage during peak periods

**David Burzynski**, *Director of Customer Experience and Marketing*, Arizona Public Service Company **Charlie Buck**, *Regulatory Affairs Manager*, Opower

#### Implementation of technology, devices, and programs to influence peak demand reduction efforts

Edward Burgess, Program Manager of Energy Policy Innovation Council (EPIC), Arizona State University
Jeff Gleeson, Head of West Coast Energy Partnerships, Nest Labs
Tom Harris, President, Arizona Solar Energy Industries Association
Sarah Van Cleve, Energy Policy Advisor, Tesla Motors
Steve Scharnhorst, CEO, Fluidic Energy
Marc Romito, Director of Customer Technology, Arizona Public Service Company
Clark Miller, Associate Director and Associate Professor in the School for the Future of Innovation in
Society, Arizona State University

# **CLOSING REMARKS BY WORKSHOP FACILIATORS**

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Commissioner Bob Stump
Arizona Corporation Commission
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Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Dear Commissioners Tobin and Stump:

I am thrilled to join you in facilitating an upcoming workshop on reducing costs associated with electrical system peak demand. This workshop, comprised of legislators, commissioners, and the top consumer advocate in the state, reflects unprecedented collaboration on the pressing issue of how Arizona tackles the most expensive component of its electrical system.

Policy makers have shaped the current energy landscape through various tax and regulatory policies related to solar and other renewable energy sources. In the midst of truly amazing developments in energy storage and other cutting-edge technology solutions that empower Arizonans to take control of their energy footprint, the time is ripe to pause and make certain that facts, not fiction, will be openly and publicly discussed giving state leaders an unobstructed view of the energy issues of the day. I'm honored to start that discussion here at the Arizona Capitol.

The Arizona Corporation Commission will also be considering fundamental and tough questions about how electric companies address the changing needs of their residential customers, both traditional and solar. News stories, email blasts, and numerous public hearings have repeatedly highlighted what is at stake in this new energy future. Lost in these concerns, however, is a frank discussion of the 8,000 MW-elephant in the room; system peak demand.

This workshop will look at what is driving peak, its cost to ratepayers and distinct approaches to reducing it. We will get to hear from a comprehensive collection of energy voices—from the utilities, to the Residential Utility Consumer Office, to nationally-acclaimed policy groups, to solar and other innovative leaders in the energy technology sector.

Thank you for involving me in a sober conversation among experts in the energy industry, and I look forward to welcoming you to the Arizona House on August 4<sup>th</sup>.

Sincerely,

Representative Frank Pratt, LD-8

Chairman, House Energy, Environment and Natural Resources Committee